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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tom Munson, Reclamation Specialist *TM*

RE: Site Inspection, Fred Lopez, Mineral Mountain #1 & #2 Project, S/001/007, Beaver County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 13, 2000
Time of Inspection: 1:30 p.m.
Conditions: Sunny
Participants: Tom Munson, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To inspect the site while in this area, at SITLA's and operator's request

At the operator's request for a site inspection, I stopped at Fred Lopez's Pumice Mine while in the area to perform an inspection. John Blake of School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration also asked that I inspect the site in order to determine if we can release Mr. Lopez from his site, since SITLA holds \$1500 in reclamation bond money for this site.

It appears that Mr. Lopez took a piece of equipment, because I can see tracks in the road. It appears that at the pad area Mr. Lopez smoothed out the stockpiles that were up here on either end. That is what we had asked him to do. At the edge of the pad area, there is a lot of rabbitbrush and some other mountain mahogany. In the site itself, there is an ordinate amount of mullen (?), that is growing all over the site. There are also some grasses and shrubs moving in from the edges. I would say that over time, this site will do fine. I'm not sure that seeding it will hasten its recovery.

I will show the photos that I took of the site to Mr. Blake, and we can then decide if Mr. Lopez should be released from his reclamation responsibility.

jb
cc: Fred Lopez, Operator
John Blake, SITLA
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